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SUBJECT: Delayed ROKG Response to Ban on Trade in Live Swine

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¶1. Econ and FAS delivered reftel demarche to the appropriate officials of the Ministries of Agriculture and Foreign Affairs and Trade officials regarding Korea's ban on the importation of live swine from the United States.

¶2. Mr. Kim Yong Sang at Korea's Ministry of Food, Agriculture, Forestry and Fish (MIFAFF) and Ms. Lee Sohn-ae with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MOFAT) both stressed that they were well aware of the USG concerns regarding the ROKG's ban on live swine.

¶3. MOFAT's Ms. Lee told Econoff that the ROKG would not be in a position to respond before next week.

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